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Task Order Contracting Officer Representative (TOCOR)
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
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Re: January 2022 Progress Report,
Consensus Report on Electric Arc Furnace Slag: Understanding Potential Human Health
Risks from Unencapsulated Uses
Contract #68HERC19D0011; PR-OLEM-21-00448/PR-R8-21-00379;
Task Order #68HERC21F0257

Dear Dr. Hodes:

In January, biosketches of provisional members of the above-mentioned committee were posted onto the National Academies website for a 20-day public comment period in compliance with institutional policies and procedures.

Project staff polled the provisional members to find the earliest possible dates for the first and second committee meetings, which were to be held via the Internet. After identifying possible meeting dates, the responsible staff officer (RSO) contacted the TOCOR to arrange for a date when EPA representatives could meet with committee members to discuss the Statement of Task for this project. Project staff also prepared briefing materials to be provided to the members in advance of the meetings.

February 3 was identified as the date for the committee's first meeting, during which the provisional members would meet in closed session to hear staff presentations about the Academies consensus study process and the Statement of Task. In addition, the members would discuss their professional backgrounds and any potential sources of bias and conflicts of interest. The members also would consider the appropriateness of the committee composition for carrying

out the Statement of Task, as well as public comments about the committee composition that were submitted during the 20-day public comment period.

On January 20, the RSO participated in a call with the TOCOR and the chief of the Economic & Risk Analysis Staff to plan for a committee information-gather session to be held on February 7 for presentations from EPA representatives and an opportunity for the public to make oral statements to the committee. Advance notice of the February 7 session was posted onto the National Academies website and sent to people who signed up to receive information about upcoming activities of the committee.

Financial information for January 2022

Cost Category	Expenditures (\$)
Labor Cost	Ex. 4 CBI
ODCs	
Overhead	
G&A	
Total	8,980.26

The total expenditures since inception are \$79,085.59. Attached are (1) a table of monthly labor costs, cumulative labor costs, total monthly expenditures, cumulative total expenditures, and the percentage of the total potential award spent, and (2) figures showing a comparison of total funds spent and labor costs, cumulative funds spent by activity (excluding labor), and cumulative hours worked by staff.

Sincerely,

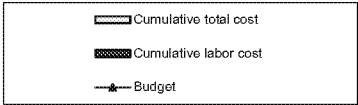


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Responsible Staff Officer

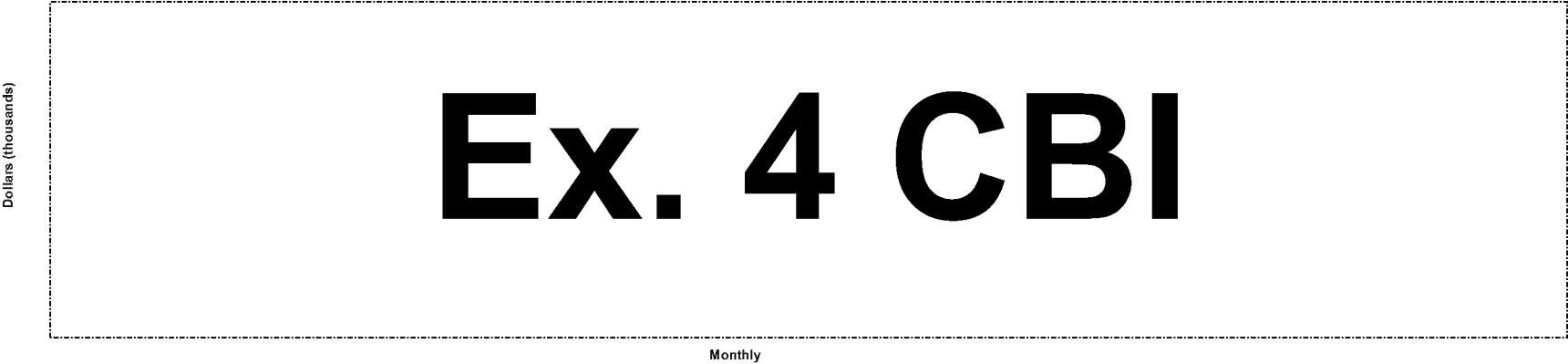
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Progress Report, January 1, 2022 thru January 31, 2022
Total Dollars Spent (Thousand)

Ex. 4 CBI



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Comparison of Total Funds Spent and Labor Cost



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Cumulative Funds Spent by Task (Excluding Labor)

Dollars spent

Ex. 4 CBI

⌘ Funds Spent this Period ⌘ Total funds spent to date

Task

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~~Progress Report January 4, 2022 - January 24, 2022~~

■ Hours worked this month

Hours

Ex. 4 CBI